

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 1972 - SB 1735**

March 26, 2011

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Removes the requirement that in order to have one's voting rights restored, an individual who has been convicted of a felony must have paid all restitution ordered by the court and must be current in paying any child support obligations. Requires the Coordinator of Elections to amend the certificate of restoration form for voting rights and provide an explanatory statement to indicate that the payment of restitution to victims, outstanding child support obligations, and court costs are no longer required to be fulfilled prior to voting rights being restored.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

**Assumptions:**

- The number of convicted felons who would have paid these costs in order to have their voting rights restored cannot be determined, but the number of these individuals is expected to be not significant.
- According to the Administrative Office of the Courts, any impact on caseloads of state trial and appellate courts will be handled within existing judicial resources.
- Any increase in state expenditures to amend the certificate of restoration will be not significant since the certificate may be printed from the Internet and an electronic format of the form is used by the Board of Probation and Parole.
- Any impact on state or local government will be not significant.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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